CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication:	56028_UBU12_072e_123_828lo.jpg
Other known title(s):	Not stated
OFLC ref:	0900415.000
Medium:	Computer Image File
Publisher:	Not stated
Country of origin:	Japan
Language:	English
Applicant:	The District Court at Manukau
Classification:	Objectionable.
Descriptive note:	None
Display conditions:	None
Date of entry in Register:	12 May 2009
Date of direction to issue a label:	No direction to issue a label has been issued

Summary of reasons for decision:

The computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of young persons for sexual purposes and tends to promote and support the use of violence or coercion to compel any person to participate in, or submit to, sexual conduct. The publication is therefore deemed objectionable.

The file consists of one page of a Japanese "manga" comic book that portrays a teenage girl with a small body and childlike features, who responds with uncertainty and anxiety to sexual acts perpetrated by a man who aggressively exploits her vulnerability. Such images encourage readers to view young people as valid objects of sexual desire who are ready for adult forms of sexual activity. The material sexualises dominance and vulnerability for the purpose of sexual titillation and arousal and encourages the aggressive sexual exploitation of young people.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to protect young people from exploitation.